

REGULAR SESSION RUSH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MARCH 15, 2010

The Rush County Board of Commissioners met in regular session, Tuesday, March 15th, 2010 with Commissioners, Tom Barnes, Marvin Cole, Ken Masters, Deborah Adams, Auditor, and Leigh Morning, County Attorney in attendance.

Commissioner Tom Barnes called the meeting to order, Ken Masters made the motion to approve the minutes of the March 1st meeting as presented. Marvin Cole seconded the motion. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY

Jerry Sitton, Highway Superintendent, Submitted his February report for the commissioners to review. Sitton also submitted the 2009 Annual Report for the commissioners to review prior to their signing. Sitton noted that the annual report must be signed and sent to the state prior to June.

Sitton provided a Moscow covered bridge update stating that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17th.

Sitton reported that due to culvert repairs the roads 500 north, between 900 west and 980 west over Glenn Creek are closed for ninety (90) days.

Commissioner Ken Masters informed Sitton that area land owner Jim Wright hand contacted him regarding a county highway truck going over into his yard. Wright wants the county to place stone so that he can mow the area. Sitton indicated that he has looked at the area and will determine if a culvert pipe and stone is necessary. Sitton also reminded the commissioners that the Highway legally has a 40' ROW (right-of-way)

Richard Burns, owner of Burns Funeral Home in Milroy applauded the Highway Department for their efforts in snow removal in the Milroy area during this past winter season.

SHERIFF

Jeff Sherwood, Sheriff, reported an inmate count of forty-five (45) of which nine are sentenced and thirty-six (36) are pre-sentenced. Sherwood also noted that fourteen (14) of the inmates are females.

Sherwood updated the commissioners of the water heater issues and that they have now been resolved.

Sherwood submitted to the commissioners a copy of the 2009 Annual Report for their review. Sherwood also reported that a copy will also be submitted to Judge Northam of the Rush Circuit Court and also to the State Jail Inspector.

Sherwood reported that areas of the plastic coating on the jail building roof have cracked and will need to be addressed in the near future.

Commissioner Ken Masters questioned Sherwood's thoughts as to the Town of Carthage having no town marshal. Sherwood did report that the county does respond to calls and that Carthage does have two (2) part-time assistants

AUDITOR

Deborah Adams, Auditor, received approval of payroll claims for the period ending March 19th on a motion from Marvin Cole, seconded by Ken Masters. Motion carried.

Adams also received approval of the bi-weekly claims on a motion by Ken Masters seconded by Marvin Cole. Motion Carried.

MISC.

- Review Treasurer February Monthly report
- Review Carthage EMS Run report for February
- Reviewed the LCC Local Coordinating Council for Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Comprehensive Community Plan
- Kristie Amos, CED 4-H Youth Development Director provided a summary of the county programs for the youth and families of Rush County.

AREA PLAN

Bill Todd, Area Plan Executive Director, was present for a 9:30 public hearing to be held to consider amendments to the zoning on public terminals within the Rush County Subdivision Control Ordinance. There was not public comment. Marvin Cole made the motion to accept the amendments, Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Todd reported that family members of the Kuhn-McLimore Subdivision dating back to 1953 have been questioning a road in Milroy platted a street, yet today is still an un-named street. This un-named street does not abut a county road. Todd indicated that this piece of property will become an issue in the near future.

Todd reported that Carthage recently did some annexation from Ripley Township into the Town without reporting and this must be fixed.

Todd also reported that the Town of Carthage is upgrading their sewer and will be contacting our GIS department for assistance

COURTHOUSE PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Leah Morning opened sealed bids at 9:35 following the Area Plan public hearing. The bid is for the 2010 and the 2011 contract year. One (1) bid was received from Quality Plumbing & Heating in the amount of \$7,095.00 per year. Marvin Cole made the motion to accept the bid submitted by Quality Plumbing & Heating. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

211 SERVICE

Carole Yeend questioned as to who the 211 contact person was for updating the county website. Carole was informed to contact Sue Otte at the Rushville Public Library.

Motion to adjourn was received from Marvin Cole. Ken Masters seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Tom Barnes, Chairman

Marvin Cole

Ken Masters

ATTEST:

Deborah C. Adams, Auditor